pertaining to cyber crimes. No increase in online offences has been noticed in the past few months.

Guidelines of E-Readiness

163. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to draft guidelines for preparing a report on the e-readiness of all States, Union Territories and Government Departments;

(b) if so, whether Government would also initiate to exercise, and facilitate the smooth development of e-readiness tools in strategic sectors, departments and regions across the country;

(c) whether Government have pointed out that digital language was an important strategic linkage not only between people but it was a key catalyst in enhancing productivity as well as providing employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, by when this Committee is likely to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The above Committee would deliberate on this issue.

(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) The Committee is scheduled to submit its report four months from the date of commencement of its work.